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*****Christ IS Risen! Christos Voskres!
Christos Anesti! Al Maseeq Am!*****

ON THE MEND: Please keep the following parishioners and others in your prayers for recovery from their illnesses and injuries: Archbishop Daniel, Metropolitan Antony, Metropolitan Yuriy, Archbishop Jovan, Metropolitan Savas, Father Paul & Pani Judy Stoll, Father Joseph Kopchak, Father Elias Warnke, Father George Yatsko, Father Paul Bigelow, Father Emilian Balan, Father John & Pani Mary Anne Nakonachny, Father Steve Repa, Archpriest Dionysi Vitali, Protodeacon Joseph Hotrovich, Father Paisius McGrath, Father Michael Smoly nec, Father Lawrence Daniels, Father Joe & Protinica Linda Cervo, Igumen Patrick, Father Jim Orr, Father Rick Seilier, Panimatka Laryssa Charest, Father Vasyl Sendeha, Father George & Dobrodijka Oksana Bazylevsky, Father Angelo Artemas, Father John Haluszczak, Father Christopher Bender, Dr. Christina Nellis, Father Anthony Ugolnik, Father Joshua [Anna], Father Justin (Todd) Mokhiber, Pani Cathy Danczak, Monk Andrew, Father Dan & Matushka Myra Kovalak, Pastor Terry & Lisa Polen, Chaplain Rachelle Zazzu & Genie Ford, Father Alexis Clodfelter—Military Chaplain Training, Eva Malesnick, Nick Behun, Gary & Linda Mechtly, Evelyn Misko, Jeanne Boehing, Alex Drobot, Rachelle, Jane Golofski, Doug Diller, Harry Krewsun, Mary Alice Babcock, Dorie Kunkle, Mary Evelyn King, Sam Wadrose, Isabella Olivia Lindgren, Ethel Thomas, Donna, Erin, Michael Miller, Grace & Owen Ostrasky, Patti Sinecki, David Genshi, Sue Segeleon, Mike Gallagher, Liz Stumpf, Theodore Nixon, Michelle Corba Kapeluck, Margaret Vladimir, Luke Emmerling, Robert McKivitz, Liz Obradovich, Halyna Zelinska [Archbishop Daniel's mother], Charlotte, Andrew Mark Olynyk, Deborah Finley, Claire Senita, Eleanor Kelly, Bryan, Nancy Barylak, Patrick Keenan, Khrystyna Chorniy, Anthony Cormier, Nathan Forbeck, Sarah Doyle, Samuel Peters, David Vallor, Henry Faraly, Julie Eiler, Dorothy Lednovich, Bob C., Allie—young girl with leukemia, Heather Kramer, Jane Wartinbee, Matthew—young man with cancer, Nicholas Orlando, Mary Ann Kuznik, Michael Pryhodzenko, Theresa Ditto, Mary Ann Musial, Yvonne Christy, Father Deacon Myron & Barbara Spak, Julia Duda, Lisa Pandle, Kris & Julie Hanczar, John Kennedy, Gaele Kelly, Irma McDivitt, Robin Young, Mckayla, Rachel, Carl & Margaret Reed, Lydia Wilson, Robert Pointon,

Walter Cecelia, John Persico, Jeff Miller, Mary Kernick, Glenn Miller, Jean Marie, Donna & Walter McCrackin, Gene Blair [Pani Gina's dad], David Hoenshell, Barbara Macino, Shelley Hill, Linda Cawley, Gerald Cogley, Corey Guich, Robert Vangrin, Pauline Witkowsky, Sera White, Deborah Smith, Nancy & Eric Dunik, Julian Strozh [young lady with cerebral palsy], Patricia Corey, Michelle, Katie Swarm, Michelle, Patrick, Linda Morris, Chris, David Hiles, Jennifer, Cher Mount, Jim Wandling, Gail, Sirena Sharp, Ron Paulovich, Sandi Anderson, Lina, Shirley, Denny Mader, Ella Campbell, Bill Janiro, Jean Symanko-Andy's sister, William Lemonakis, Alma Wyke, Lindsay Romanczak & family, Susan Lucas, Neil Carter & family, James Paluh, Mickie Weikel, Evelyn Krempasky, Tammy Strunk, Loida Esbry, Darlene Chicka Deskins, Drew, Alice & Keith Philipa, Mira Filipović, Lynn, Jacqueline, Sharon, Zan Cheng, Kristy, Brandon, Anna Tranchine, Demetra, Blase Urban, Catherine Hogel & children, Jennifer & Dylan, Lydia Wilson, Flora Tomlin, Howell Swarm, Jane Bielewicz Allred, Katie Elizabeth, Mileva, & Michael, Deirdré Straughan, Terri Paluh, Lori & Steve Lucier, Kyranna Cherpas, Pastor Bruce Nordeen, Heather Ried, Carla Perry, Linda Elliot, Dennis McDaniel, Luke Tinsley, Brent, Tricia, Katherine Gorman, Pamela Jaquette, Sherri Walewski, Marika Zeliszczyk, Donna Davis, Jackie Crimbchin, Fran Fulton, Bill Vizza, Jamie Swarm, Kathy Flaherty, Tori Reade-Henry's niece, Derick-Glen Burlack's neighbor, Michael, Nichole & Christopher, Ben Douglas, Dianne Donahue, Zachary, Natasha, Noah Willard, Gregory Cervo, Lisa Bruce, Kathy Cvetkovich, Judy, Will, Emma, Ginny, Ye-Jin, Maria, John & JoAnn, Ralph & Beverly Stoker, Noah Willard, Nikola, Natalie, Nikola, & Nevenka Jovonovich, Julia Collier, Amy Kemerer, Thomas Smith, Tracy Slaugenhaupt, Louis Berceli, Tom Nolan, Silvia Martin, Dena & George, Georgia, Lawanda [Evelyn's niece], Maureen Sams, John Kendall, Darcy, Nancy, Ian Brick, Cecilia Barnhart, Logan Magorien, Pam & Gordon Grant, Debbie & Jerry Novosel, Noah Willard, Sandra Dillard, Danielle McCann, Barry [Father Jim Orr's cousin], Tim Joyce, Stephen Popichak—Fr. Bob's brother, Brianna Stumpf, Stanley Porembka, David & Terry Coyne Hartnett, Mike C., Jennifer Scheirer [Nick Behun's daughter], Catherine Beecham [Father Bob's cousin], JoAnne & Dave Andrews, Rev. Peg Bowman, Pat & Jan Jennings, Mike Ruzzi, Mary Kay Ludovicy, George Dilendorf, Sharon Torick, Carol Behun, Erv Frye, William Lusherand, Colin Kirton—Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, Clifford, Paul Riley, Tonee & Sydnee Turner, Annette Paluh, Theresa Paluh, Cathy Lotinsky, Jeff & Buschra Kerr, Robert Rodriguez, Rita & Joe Mrvos, Alexandra & Bowen, Katherine Kulik, Eleanor Kitt, Maria Warholak, Christy, Mariruth, Judy Previc, Ben Williams, Tim—surgery, Olivia—girl with a brain tumor, Rick & Sharon Morgan, John Stasko, John, Kris, & Kait, Wendy LaGamba, Melissa Gross [hip replacement], Amy Forbeck, David Salazar, Dr. Paul Riley, David Hess,

Serena, Wyatt, Makenzie, Jennifer, Alexandra Roberts, Candace, Dave, Jared, & Beth Irvin, Carol Muschick, Grace Love [knee replacement], Joseph Paul Cervo, Jr., Elizabeth, Susan & Greg Heinen & Jenette Wittik, Paul Simpson [Father Bob's cousin], Sharon Curtis Rivas, Kathy Milcic, Lisa Bolan, David G. [cancer], Donna [dementia] & Darla, Adam Snow, the McKenna family, David Gazella, Brian & Michele Cannone, the Rodrigues family, Michael Welsh, Nick Solominsky, Samantha & Lisa Houser, Sarah Stepanovich Clark, Julia Baloga, Brett Crosby, Randy Lapuh, Henry Tkacik, Diane & Arthur Chaklis, Denny Mader, Zoe Oswalt—Fr. Bob's cousin, Barbette [cancer] & Scott, Kristin [cancer], Erm Hartmann, Barbara Bookser, Bob Mazzuca, Marko, Taylor, Terri Crosby-Vega, Christine Mohamed & family, Tammy Marsico, Terry & David Hartnett, Jamie Ball, Kay Williams, Hannah Stewart, Jim Wyko—Alex's friend, Dan Losego, Lisa Bruce, Yvette, Barry Bender, Andrew Zelleznick, Byron & Cecilia Scott, Vespina, Michelle Russo, Julie Tripodi, Debbie—HTUCC, Barbara Morvay, David Salsar, N&O, Randy & Adrienne Kuny, Vince Berardinelli, Mason Martin [Karns City HS QB] & family, Martin Mrvos, Jeff McCoy, Lauren & Sloane Valentina Persico, Alexis & Colton Rosati, Jessica Shirley, Mark [kidney cancer], Steve Milcic, Wilbert Wagner, Bob Wojciechowski, Ashley, Beth, Sharon Svitek, Laura, Christopher, & Jane Dickson, Luke D, Diane Murphy, Kristin Vaughn [Harry's daughter], George Petronsky, Doug & Darcie Burkholder, Michael, Jeane, and Katie Byerly, McGrath, Samantha Lopez, Bob [cancer], Syble Elliott, Maria Ancevski, Krystyna, John, & Jeffrey, Dottie & family, Bonny Diver & Ashley Smock, Steve, Jill Morocco, Mike Pelino, Maddie Stewart, Hutchinson Family, David Urban, Vicky Moore, Casi [cancer], Ashley & Andy, Marion Mamula, Dominic [cancer], Diane Hughes, Jenny Case, Mary & Carl Stepanovich, Susie Fierst, Edward Poturich, Jeff, Chris, & Mills family, Kate Rapina & Mother Oksana, Sarah's son, Rachel, Alex, & little Charlie, Steve & Vonnie Gerson, Eva, Pamela & Doug, Nora, Mike & Jane, Mary Ann [Stage 4 cancer] & Lisa, Barbara Gardner & Mark Egleton, Donna Karas & Ross Rawe, Susan [cancer], Rose Marie, Tim Pruss, Donna & Laura Kloock, Tom Katona, Chris & Elisa Astorino, Dale & Nancy Burns, Cathy Metrick [Fr. Bob's cousin], Brianna [cancer] & Amanda, Jim Lea [knee replacement], and Lauren, Dan, & Daphne Iona... We pray that God will grant them all a complete and speedy recovery.

**Christ IS Risen! Christos Voskres! Christos Anesti! Al Maseeq Am!
With these joyous words, we wish you the light and brightness of
the dawn of the first Resurrection morning! May God fill your
hearts, minds, and souls with His Grace and His Love!**

With our love: the Holy Ghost Parish Family, Parish Board, Pani Gina, Reader Alex, Sydney, EMT Matthew, Zoe, and Father Bob

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ... There is **NOTHING** to keep us from praying...for each other, for our family and friends, and most of all for the first responders—EMTs, nurses, doctors, firefighters, police officers, and members of our military who keep us safe. Be well and be **SAFE!!!** God Bless!

Please remember ALL American service men and women in your prayers. May God watch over them and ALL service men and women—and bring them all home safely!

REMEMBER—PRAYERS ARE ALWAYS FREE!

Communion Fasting: nothing to eat or drink after midnight, EXCEPT in cases where your doctor tells you to eat or drink something for medical reasons: medication, diabetes, etc. ***If you have a question, please ask Father Bob.***

AT ANY TIME—if there is an emergency, if you have questions, or if you just need to talk, please CALL FATHER BOB at [412] 956-6626.

SERVICES IN SLICKVILLE

SUNDAY, April 12 PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM

Acts 1:1-8
John 1:1—17

*******BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS DOWNSTAIRS AFTER LITURGY*******

SUNDAY, April 19 OBEDNITZA—SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM—UPSTAIRS 10:30 AM
**2ND SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY; SAINT EUTYCHIUS-
PATRIARCH OF CONSTANTINOPLE; SAINT PLATONIDA OF NISIBIS; 120
MARTYRS OF PERSIA; MARTYRS JEREMIAH & ARCHILAS-PRESBYTER;
SAINT METHIDIUS-EQUAL TO THE APOSTLES & TEACHER OF THE SLAVS**

Tone 1
Acts 5:12-20
John 20:19-31

***Litany in Blessed Memory of Joseph & Stella Karas and Vasil & Tekla Shumsky—
Donna Karas***

SUNDAY, April 26

*******NO SERVICE IN SLICKVILLE*******

**3RD SUNDAY OF PASCHA; SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN;
RIGHTEOUS JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA & NICODEMUS; SAINTS MARY &
MARTHA—SISTERS OF LAZARUS; HIEROMARTYR ARTEMON-PRESBYTER OF
LAODICIA IN SYRIA; MARTYR CRESCENS OF MYRA IN LYCIA; MARTYR
THOMAS OF ALEXANDRIA**

Tone 2

Acts 6:1-7

Mark 15:43-16:8

BULLETIN INSERT FOR 12 APRIL 2026

PASCHA

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

*******Page 178 in the Black Divine Liturgy Books*******

*******BLESSING OF BASKETS DOWNSTAIRS AFTER LITURGY*******

Christ IS Risen! Indeed He IS Risen!

Aleut (Sugpiag):

Kriiiiistuusaq Ungwektuq! Pichinuq Ungwektuq!

Albanian (Tosk):

Krishhti Unjall! Vertet Unjall!

Anglo-Saxon:

Crist aras! Crist sodhlice aras!

Arabic:

Al Maset'h ahm! Hat'em ahm!
and El Messieh Kahm! Kakken Kahm!
and Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!

Amharic:

Kristos Tenestwal! Bergit Tenestwal!

Armenian:

Christos harjav i merelotz! Orhniale harutjun Christosi!

Byelorussian:

Khristos Uvoskros! Zaprowdu Uvoskros!

Chaucerean Middle English:

Crist is arisen! Arisen he sothe!

Chinese:

Helisituosi fuhuole! Qeshi fuhuole!

Cantonese:

Gaydolk folkwoot leew! Ta koksut folkwoot leew!

Church Slavonic:

Christos Voskrese! Voistino Voskrese!

Coptic (Egypt):

PiKhirstos af tonf! Khen o methmi af tonf!

Coptic (Sahidic, not the Bohairic dialect which is the Coptic church's liturgical language):

Pchristos afooun! Alethos afooun!

Czech:

Kristus Vstal A Mrtvych! Opravdi Vstoupil!
and Kristus vstal zmrty'ch! Skutec~ne~ vstal!

Danish:

Kristus er opstanden! Ja, sandelig opstanden!

Dutch:

Christus is opgestaan! Ja, hij is waarlijk opgestaan!

Eritrean (Tigre):

Christos Ten-si-OU! Ba-Ha-ke Ten-si-OU!

Esperanto:

Kristo Levig^is! Vere Levig^is!

Estonian:

Kristus on Oolestoosunt! Toayestee on Oolestoosunt!
and Kristus on surnuist ülestõusnud! Toesti ülestõusnud!

Ethiopian:

Christos T'ensah Em' Muhtan! Exai' Ab-her Eokala
and Yasous Taustwal! Aown Tasous Tanastwal!

Finnish:

Kristus Nousi Kuolleista! Totisesti Nousi!

French:

Le Christ est ressuscité- il est vraiment ressuscité!

Gaelic:

Erid Krist! G'deya! n erid she!

Gaelic (Irish):

Tá Criosd ar éirigh! Go deimhin, tá e ar éirigh!
(Phonetic -- Taw Creest Ereen! Taw Shay Ereen Guhdyne!)

Gaelic (Scotch):

Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!
and Hah Creeist air eh-ree! Goo jeh-ruv, hah eh air eh-ree!

Georgian (IveroPontian):

Kriste aghsdga! Cheshmaritad aghsdga!

German:

Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrhaft auferstanden!
and Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrlich erstanden!
and Christus ist auferstanden! Wahrhaftig auferstanden!
and Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!

Greek:

Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Hawaiian:

Ua Ala Hou `o Kristo! Ua Ala `I `o No `oia!

Hebrew:

Ha-Mashiah qom! Be-emet qom!
and Ha Mashiyach qam! Ken hoo qam!

Hungarian

Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!

India (Spoken in)

Malayalam: Christu Uyirthezhunnettu! Theerchayayum Uyirthezhunnettu!

Indonesian:

Krisuts Telah Bangkit! Benar dia Telah Bangkit!

Italian:

Cristo e' Risorto! Veramente e' Risorto!

Iyaric Patwa (English dialect used by the Rastafarian subculture of the West Indies):

Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!

Japanese:

Harisutosu Fukkatsu! Jitsu Ni Fukkatsu!

Javanese:

Kristus Sampun Wungu! Saesto Panjene Ganipun Sampun Wungu!
and Kristus Sampun Wungu! Tuhu Sampun Wungu!

Kikiyu:

Kristo ni muriuku! Ni muriuku nema!

Kpelle (Liberia, West Africa):

Korai aa mu su Saa-yeei! Toya ma, E mu su Saa-yeei!

Korean:

Kristo Gesso! Buhar ha sho Nay!

Latin:

Christus Resurrectus Est! Vere Resurrectus Est!

Lugandan:

Kristo Ajukkide! Amajim Ajukkide!

Micronesian:

Pinglapese -- Kreis Isadar! Oh ketin kalowehdier!

Palauan -- Kristus a mla mekiis! Ngiima dingar!

Chuukese -- Kristus a manaau sefan! A fokkun manan sefan!

Carolinian -- Lios a melau sefal! Meipung, a mahan sefal!

Chamorro -- La'la'i i Kristo! Megahet na luma'la' i Kristo!

Nigerian:

Jesu Kristi Ebiliwo! Ezia o'biliwo!

Navajo:

Christ daaztsáádée' náádiidzáá! T'áání, daaztsáádée' náádidzáá!

Norwegian:

Christus er Oppstanden! Sandelig Han er Oppstanden!

Polish:

Khristus Zmartvikstau! Zaiste Zmartvikstau!

Portugese:

Cristo Recessitou! Em Verdade Recessitou!

Quenyan (Language of the elves in J.R. Tolkien's writings):

Ortanne Laivino! Anwa ortanne Laivino!

Romanian (Vlkah):

Hristus A Inviat! Adeverat a Inviat!

Russian:

Khristos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Sanskrit:

Kristo'pastitaha, Satvam Upastitaha!

Serbian:

Hristos Vaskrese! Vaistinu Vaskrese!

Slovak:

Kristus vstal zmr'tvych! Skutoc~ne vstal!

Slavonic:

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Spanish:

Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad, esta resucitado!

Swahili:

Kristos Ame Fu Fuka! Kweli Ame Fu Fuka!
and Khristos amafafouka! Kwaeli amafafouka!

Swedish:

Kristus är Upstånden! Ja Han är Sannerligen Upstånden!

Syriac:

Meshiha qam! Bashrira qam!
and Qom Msheeho (men qabro)! Shareeroyith qom!

Turkish:

HristosDiril-Di! Hakikaten Diril-Di!

Ugandan:

Kristo Ajukkide! Kweli Ajukkide!

Ukrainian:

Khristos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres!

Welsh:

Atgyfododd Crist! Atgyfododd yn wir!

Yiddish:

Eybershter undzer iz geshtanen! Avade er iz ufgeshtanen!

Zulu:

Ukristu Uvukile! Uvukile Kuphela!



***PASCHAL ARCHPASTORAL LETTER of the Council of Bishops
of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the United States of America
and the Diaspora***

*Beloved brothers in the Holy Priesthood, dear brothers and sisters in the
Lord, faithful of our Ukrainian Orthodox communities in the United States of
America and throughout the Diaspora:*

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

With hearts filled with ineffable joy and radiant hope, we greet you on
the Great and Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and
Savior Jesus Christ—the Feast of Feasts and the Triumph of Triumphs!

On this holy and life-giving day, the Church proclaims to the world that Christ has conquered death, shattered the gates of Hades, and granted us the promise of eternal life. The empty tomb stands as an everlasting witness that darkness cannot overcome light, and that love, sacrificial and divine, is stronger than death itself.

As we prayerfully enter into the mystery of the Resurrection, our minds and hearts are drawn to that sacred moment when the Risen Lord appeared in the midst of His disciples—those who were fearful, uncertain, and burdened by the realities of their time. Standing among them, He spoke words that echo through the centuries and into our present moment: “Peace be with you.”

This peace—the peace of Christ—is not as the world gives. It is not temporary, nor is it dependent upon the absence of conflict. It is the deep, abiding presence of God within the human heart—a peace that heals wounds, restores hope, and transforms fear into faith.

Today, humanity stands in desperate need of this divine peace. Our world is wounded by division, shaken by violence, and burdened by the tragedies of war. The ongoing suffering in Ukraine, the unrest in the Middle East, and conflicts across the globe reveal not only political and social fractures, but also a deeper spiritual crisis—a loss of the Christ-centered life rooted in humility, love, and truth.

In place of peace, we too often encounter pride. In place of love, anger. In place of selflessness, a consuming pursuit of power and control.

And yet, in the midst of this brokenness, the Risen Christ continues to stand among us—quietly, patiently—offering once again His eternal greeting: “Peace be with you.”

Beloved in the Lord, this Paschal message calls each of us not only to receive this peace, but to become bearers of it—to become *peacemakers* in a world longing for healing.

In a particular way, we turn our hearts to the youth of our Church—the young souls entrusted to our care, who are growing and searching for meaning in a complex and often confusing world. They are not only the future of the Church; they are the living members of the Body of Christ today.

They look to us. They learn not only from what we say, but from how we live. If we desire for them to walk in the way of Christ, we must first become examples of that way.

Parents, clergy, and all faithful are called to embody lives of faith, morality, and piety—to create homes and communities where Christ is not only spoken of, but truly present. Our families must become small domestic churches, places where prayer is lived, forgiveness is practiced, and love is sacrificial.

Let us remember: Our children are in the Church—and they are learning the life in Christ by looking at us.

May we be mindful of our words, our actions, and the witness we offer. For in shaping the next generation, we participate in the sacred work of God Himself.

On this radiant Feast of Pascha, let us renew our commitment to live as true disciples of the Risen Lord—rejecting the darkness of sin and division, and embracing the light of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Let us bring the peace of Christ into our homes, our parishes, and our world. Let us become, in truth, witnesses of the Resurrection.

With heartfelt prayers for each of you, we ask the Risen Lord to bless your families with health, strengthen you in faith, grant peace to Ukraine and to all suffering lands, and fill your hearts with the unending joy of His victory over death.

May the light of the Resurrection guide your every step and remind you always that Christ is among us—now and forever.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

With archpastoral love in the Risen Lord,

+Antony

Metropolitan of the UOC of the USA and Diaspora

+Jeremiah

Archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America

+Daniel

Archbishop of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Western Europe

The Atlas Wire - Greece

Catholics and Protestants around the world celebrated Easter today, April 5. Greeks and other Orthodox Christians won't celebrate until next Sunday, April 12. The reason goes back over 400 years to ten days that simply vanished from the calendar.

In October 1582, Pope Gregory XIII ordered a calendar correction so drastic that October 4 was immediately followed by October 15. Ten days were erased overnight. The new Gregorian calendar was designed to fix a growing lag in the older Julian calendar, introduced by Julius Caesar. Catholic and Protestant churches adopted it. Most Orthodox churches did not.

The rule for Easter itself has never changed. Since the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, all Christians have agreed that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. The problem is that the two calendars place the spring equinox on different dates, so the same rule produces two different results.

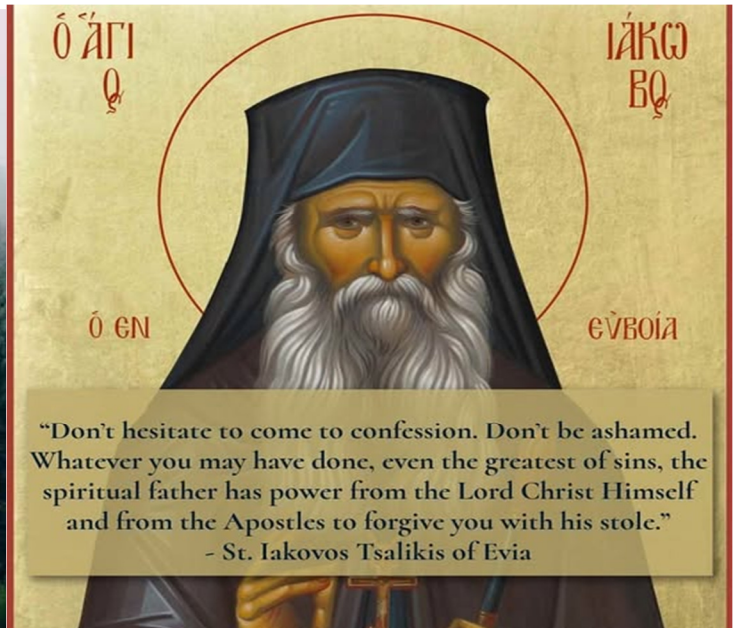
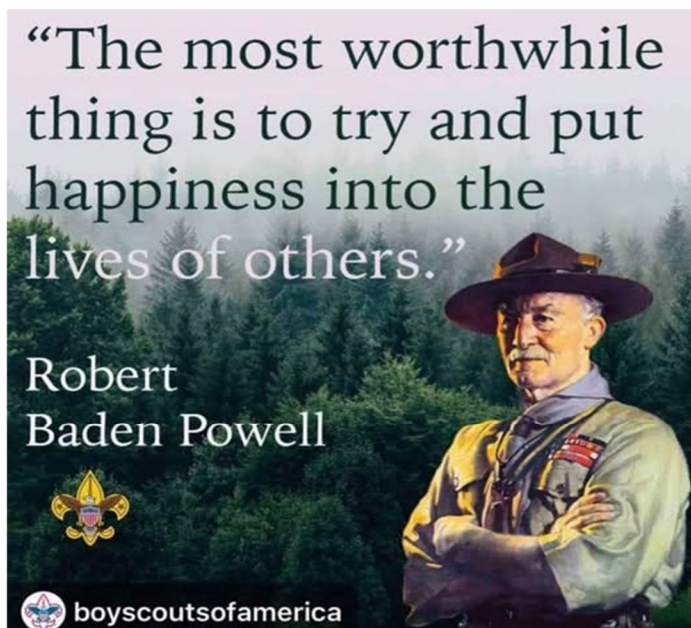
The Julian calendar now runs 13 days behind the Gregorian. That gap explains why Orthodox Christmas falls on January 7 rather than December 25 for churches like Russia's, which use the old calendar for everything. Greece is a special case: the Greek Orthodox Church uses the reformed Julian calendar for fixed feasts like Christmas, which is why Greeks celebrate Christmas on December 25 alongside Westerners, but still uses the old calendar for Easter.

The Council of Nicaea (325 AD) established that Easter should not coincide with Passover. However, the Orthodox Church does not have a formal "must follow Passover" rule.

The reason Orthodox Easter often follows Passover is a mathematical byproduct. Because the Orthodox Church uses the Julian calendar and a different lunar cycle (the Metonic cycle), their "calculated" Passover usually falls later than the actual Jewish holiday, creating the illusion of a dependency.

Last year, 2025, was a rare exception when both Easters landed on the same date. The next time this happens will be 2028.

Because the Julian calendar gains one day of error every 128 years, the gap between the two calendars will eventually become so large that the Julian "spring" starts after the Gregorian "spring" has already passed its first full moon.



Pray with grateful patience because we are usually not very far-seeing and little know ourselves, while the Lord God knows well all the circumstances surrounding us and lying ahead of us, and He knows

**us incomparably better than we know ourselves.
Metropolitan Gregory (Postnikov) of St. Petersburg,
How to Live a Holy Life p.108**

I wholeheartedly endorse the powerful appeal for peace made by the Holy Father, Pope Leo, during his Palm Sunday Mass. His call for the laying down of arms and the renunciation of violence resonated profoundly with me, as it speaks to the very essence of what all major religions teach.

Indeed, whether we look to Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism or any of the world's great spiritual traditions, the message is fundamentally the same: love, compassion, tolerance, and self-discipline. Violence finds no true home in any of these teachings. History has shown us time and again that violence only begets more violence and is never a lasting foundation for peace.

An enduring resolution to conflict, including the ones we see in the Middle East or between Russia and Ukraine, must be rooted in dialogue, diplomacy, and mutual respect—approached with the understanding that, at the deepest level, we are all brothers and sisters.

I urge for and pray that the violence and conflicts may soon come to an end.

DALAI LAMA 31 March 2026

UPCOMING SERVICES SCHEDULE

*******SUNDAY, APRIL 12 PASCHA!!!*******

Paschal Divine Liturgy—10:30 AM upstairs

Blessing of Paschal Food downstairs afterwards

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 03 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, MAY 10 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 17 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, MAY 24 NO SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 31 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS

SUNDAY, JUNE 07 NO SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 14 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS
SUNDAY, JUNE 21 NO SERVICE
SUNDAY, JUNE 28 OBEDNITZA UPSTAIRS
SUNDAY, JULY 05 NO SERVICE